

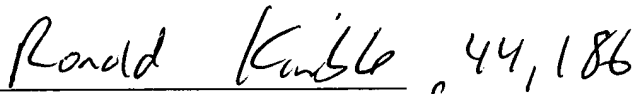
Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment
U.S. Application No. 09/654,939

REMARKS

The present amendment corrects an error in the Response filed on November 17, 2004 in designating the status of claim 9 as being "previously presented." The Response was entered but was held to be non-compliant. A listing of the claims as they now exist, following entry of the amendment but with claim 9 properly designated, as well as the removal of the underlining of Claims 18-23 which were all previously presented, accompanies this submission.

No fee is believed to be necessary; however, if the USPTO disagrees, the USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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